Wisconsin Veterans to Receive More Than \$76,000 in Unclaimed Assets

State Treasurer Schuller and Veterans Affairs Secretary Scocos Team Up to Give Nearly 300 Veterans Unclaimed Money

MADISON – State Treasurer Kurt Schuller and Secretary of Veterans Affairs John Scocos are brightening this Valentine's Day for Wisconsin's heroes, returning \$76,418.20 to 293 veterans.

In December, the State Treasurer's office and the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) collaborated to find and notify **more than 3,000** veterans throughout the state that they have money in the state's Unclaimed Property account. Veterans who returned claims forms over the past two months will be receiving checks in the mail in the coming days. Checks being distributed range from \$5 to nearly \$4,000.

"Taking care of our veterans is a top priority. This collaboration is just one more small way we can help those who have served and sacrificed for our country," Secretary Scocos said.

Claims forms were mailed to veterans who were identified by merging WDVA records with Treasury records. The data showed that veterans **had \$696,237.52** sitting in the Unclaimed Property Fund. **Nearly 2,800 forms have not yet been returned**. As additional forms are returned, veterans will continue to receive their checks.

"You could have money missing and not even know it. Statewide, we have \$400 million in the unclaimed property account, some of which could be owed to you," State Treasurer Schuller said.

In 2011, the Office of the State Treasurer returned a record amount of money, **nearly \$34 million**, to Wisconsinites. Veterans and others can check to see if they have unclaimed property on the State Treasurer's website: www.wismissingmoney.com.